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Applicant: First Data Corp. Confirmation No.: 2029
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Customer No.: 24728
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RESPONSE

May 23, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2005, please consider the appended Amendments and Remarks, which the applicant believes responds to and addresses all of the outstanding issues in regard to the present application and which should now put this application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.